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SUBJ: NAVAL MATTERS

1. DISCUSSIONS ON 23 SEPT BETWEEN DOD REP AND MG SHAIKH MUBARAK AND MG SHAIKH SALEH (CINC AND DCINC OF KUWAITI ARMED FORCES) REVEALED THAT IT IS THE INTENT OF THE KUWAITI ARMED FORCES TO ESTABLISH A NAVY UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ARMED FORCES.

2. WHILE FEW DETAILS WERE GIVEN, IT APPEARS THAT THEY ARE THINKING OF A NAVY WITH ABOUT 8 TO 12 FAST PATROL CRAFT (NONE AS LARGE AS A DE) SUITABLE FOR COASTAL PATROL AND INTERDICTION WITH A SURFACE TO SURFACE MISSILE SYSTEM. IN ADDITION THERE WOULD BE SOME MISCELLANEOUS SMALL CRAFT.

3. SHAIKH MUBARAK REQUESTED INFORMATION ON ANY THING WE MAY HAVE OF THIS NATURE. ADDITIONALLY, HE DESIRED TO KNOW IF WE HAD ONE SUCH SHIP WHICH COULD BE PROVIDED IN "A FEW MONTHS".

4. FOR GENERAL INFORMATION, KUWAITI COAST GUARD UNDER MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAS FOLLOWING STRENGTH ETC. PRESUMABLY SOME OF THESE WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IF/WHEN A NAVY IS FORMED.

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OFFICERS 10

ENLISTED/CIVILIAN 358 (APPROX 60 CIVILIAN)

SHIPS/BOATS

NO.	SPEED	MPH	LENGTH (FT)	TYPE	CONST
5	QQ	75		WOOD	
8	24	36		UNKNOWN	
9	18	78		STEEL	
2	9	88		STEEL	
2	NOTE 1	26	56	STEEL	
1	NOTE 2	45	18	UNKNOWN	

NOTE 1: THESE ARE FRENCH BUILT SAAR PATROL CRAFT. THREE MORE
ARE BELIEVED TO BE ENROUTE.

NOTE 2: THIS CRAFT IS ON ORDER AND NOT YET ON HAND. IT IS REPUTED
TO BE OF GREEK MANUFACTURE. LENGTH FIGURE MAY BE METERS VICE
FEET.
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